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## **FEDERAL JURY CHARGES TWO MEN WITH ATTEMPTING TO BUY OVER 500 GRAMS OF COCAINE POWDER FOR DISTRIBUTION**

### ***-- One Defendant Also Charged With Assault On a Federal Officer***

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville returned an indictment against **Shawon Carthell Hickman**, age 34, of Frankfort, Kentucky, in Franklin County, and **George Arthur Breed**, age 34, of Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, charging them with attempting to possess a large quantity of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, with the intent to distribute it. Breed was also charged with assaulting, resisting or impeding a federal officer, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

The Indictment alleges that on June 20, 2007, Hickman and Breed knowingly attempted to possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance. Breed was also charged with assaulting, resisting or impeding a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The value of the cocaine the defendants attempted to obtain was \$18,000.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are 40 years imprisonment, a \$2,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of life, and the minimum potential penalties are 5 years imprisonment and supervised release for a period of 4 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas W. Dyke, and it was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration's Task Force, which is made up of

federal law enforcement agents and state and local law enforcement officers from a number of local agencies.

Both of the defendants are scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on July 18, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in Louisville, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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